(b) which are the cities likely to be covered by Metro-II telecast in the near future;

(c) whether Government plan to introduce/increase regional porgrammes in this Channel; and

(d) if so, the detalis thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P, SINGH DEO): (a) The Metro Channel (DD-II) Service is available throughout the country by using suitable dish antenna. Metro Channel service, through terrestrial transmission is available in 20 major cities/ towns in the country, as given in the enclosed Statement-I. (*See* below).

(b) The requisite details are given in the enclosed Statement-II (*See* below).

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Statement I

Locations having terrestrial Metro Channel (DD-II service)

1. HYDERABAD
2. GUWAHATI
3. AHMEDABAD
4. SRINAGAR
5. TRIVANDRUM
6. BHOPAL
7. MUBAI
8. JAIPUR
9. CUTTACK
10. BANGALORE
11. BHUBANESHWAR
12. JALI ANDHAR
13. GANGTOK
14. MADRAS
15. LUCKNOW
16. CALCUTTA
17. CHANDIGARH
18. DELHI
19. KAVARATTI
20. GANDHINAGAR

Statement II

Locations of Metro Channel DD-II likely to be made available within VIII PLAN PERIOD.

1. HPT (DD-II)-Hydsrabad in replacement of the existing LPT
2. LPT, Itanagar
3. LPT, Patna
4. LPT, Panaji
5. HPT (DD II), Ahemeabad in replace ment of the existing LPT.
6. LPT, Shimla
7. LPT, Jammu
8. HPT (DD II), Bangalore in replacement of the existing LPT.
9. LPT, Imphal
10. LPT, Shillong
11. LPT, Aizawl
12. LPT, Kohima
13. LPT, Agartala
14. LPT, Port Blair
15. LPT, Pondicherry
16. LPT, Nagpur
17. LPT, Kanpur
18. LPT, Cochin
19. LPT, Calicut
20. LPT, Leh
21. LPT, Murshidabad

Survey conducted by Audience Research Cell

2106. SHRI PASUMPON THA KIRUTTINAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCSTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to make the regional channels of Doordarshan available terrestrially again in all the four Metropolitan Cities which are influnced more by the foreign culture compared to the other parts of the country;

(b) whether the Audience Research Cell of Doordarshan has taken any survey regarding the stoppage of terrestrial telecast (Regional language channels) in Metro cities alongwith the details thereof;

(c) whether it is proposed to start the telecast of Regional Channels through Satellite throughout the country; and

(d) what is the viewer's ratio between regional channels of Doordarshan and other satellite channels (Star TV, MTV, Jain TV, Sun TV etc.)?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Regional services are available throughout the country through suitable dish antenna.

(d) No study has been conducted to compute the viewership ratio between Regional Channels of Doordarshan and other satellite channels.